

**In imitations.**

THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL,—HONGKONG.

THE MEN OF H. M. Ships **ENALDO** and  
**TEAZER**, assisted by the Band of  
H. M. S. **IRON DUKE**,  
WILL GIVE A PERFORMANCE FOR THE  
BENEFIT OF THE  
**SAILORS' HOME,**  
*Hongkong,*  
ON  
**MONDAY EVENING,**  
THE 15TH INSTANT.  
Under the Distinguished Patronage of  
VICE-ADMIRAL F. O. SHADWELL, CB.,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

The Performance will commence with the  
Laughable Farce,  
by  
J. M. MORTON, Esquire,  
Entitled  
"TO PARIS AND BACK, FOR £5."  
AN INTERVAL OF FIFTEEN MINUTES.

After which the amalgamated Minstrel Troupe  
will give their  
GRAND ETHIOPIAN ENTERTAINMENT,  
INCLUDING  
SONGS, JOKE, RIDDLES, DIALOGUE,  
A STUMP ORATION,  
AND  
TERRIBLE-CHOREAN TERMINATION.

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A piece of the Theatre was burnt down by the Late Chinese, and the Club was closed after Wednesday, the 10th instant, where Tickets can be obtained and Seats secured.

69 Hongkong, 10th April, 1872.

THEATRE ROYAL CITY HALL,  
HONGKONG.

THE MEMBERS OF THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB will have the honor to give another PERFORMANCE of the comedy of "THE COIN" on **TUESDAY NEXT, the 16th Inst.**, when will be repeated (by special request) the comedy, in three Acts, by T. W. ROBERTSON, Esq., entitled

"OASTLE."

Hon. George d'Alroy.....Mr. RONNY.  
Captain Flawtee.....Mr. HUCKEY.  
Mr. Giffard.....Mr. KATH.  
Sir Gurgiss.....Mr. BALLANTON.

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Polly.....Miss SIWEL.  
 Father.....Miss EDITH VERNON.  
 Doors open at 8.30; performance to com-  
 mence at 9 o'clock.  
 A plan of the Theatre may be seen at Messrs.  
 LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, at **NOON TO-DAY**,  
 where tickets may be obtained and Seats Se-  
 cured.  
 PRICES OF ADMISSION.  
 Boxes.....\$15  
 Stalls.....2

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**"SEDAU."**  
H. W. Winter, Master, will be despatched  
TO-DAY, the 13th instant, at 5 p.m., as above.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**SIEMSEN & Co.,**  
891 Hongkong, 13th April, 1872.

**FOR SAIGON AND SINGAPORE**  
The China-Sen, Saigon and Straits Steam-  
ship Co.'s Steamer **"VENUS,"**  
Captain Hoole, will be despatched for the above  
Ports on **MONDAY, the 15th instant, at 4 p.m.**

## AUGUSTINE P.

**WANTED**, by a respectable Young Person,  
a passage Home to England, for at-  
tendance on a Lady on Board. Address  
X. Y. Z., *Daily Press* office.  
at 690 Hongkong, 13th April, 1872.

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**Notices to Consignees.**

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**NOTICE.**  
**CONSIGNEES** of Cargo per M. M. Com-  
pany's *St. Pierre*, from Shanghai, are re-  
quested to take immediate delivery of their

the insurance has been  
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tf 698 Hongkong, 13th April, 1872.  
**BRITISH STEAMER "AFRICA," FROM**  
**LONDON.**  
**CONSIGNEES** of Cargo by the above  
 steamer are requested to send in their  
 Bills of Lading for countersignature to the  
 undersigned, and are hereby informed that their  
 goods are being landed and stored at their risk  
 into Messrs. J. S. Hook, Son & Co.'s Godowns  
 whence delivery may be obtained.  
 Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th  
 instant will be subject to rent.  
 Additional Cargo will be forwarded unless

HOLIDAY

644 Hongkong, 8th April, 1872.  
S. S. YANGTSE, FROM LONDON, PEN-  
ANG, AND SINGAPORE.  
CONSIGNEES of Goods by the above  
Steamer are hereby notified that the  
Cargo is being discharged, landed, and stored  
at their risk, into the Godowns of Messrs. NORTON,  
LYALL & Co., whence delivery may be ob-  
tained.  
Goods remaining in store after the 15th  
inst. will be subject to rent.  
Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai  
but, unless early intimation is received from

needs are requested

SIEMSEN & Co.  
645 Hongkong, 8th April, 1872.  
**BRITISH SHIP STONEHOUSE, FROM**  
**MELBOURNE.**  
CONSIGNEES of Merchandise by the above  
named vessel are requested to send in  
their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned, and  
take immediate delivery. Cargo impeding dis-  
charge will be landed and stored at Consignee  
risk and expense.  
RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.  
4637 Hongkong, 8th April, 1872.

FISH BARQUE IN  
LONDON  
KNEES & Co

Vessel are requested to send in their Bill  
 of Lading to the Undersigned for countersigning  
 and to take immediate delivery of the  
 Goods.  
 Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel  
 will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk  
 and expence.  
 GILMAN & Co.,  
 Agents  
 of 601 Hongkong, 30th March, 1872.  
 BRITISH STEAMER VIXEN, FROM  
 LONDON, &c.  
 CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above

re being landed on  
the Godowns of

LYALL & Co., whence delivery may be obtained.  
Goods remaining undelivered after the 16th  
instant will be subject to rent.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
at 490 Hongkong, 9th March, 1872.



## THE BILL TO AUTHORISE LAY

People was very cautious in giving leave to bring in a Bill sponsored by laymen in the House. It was feared that a specially summoned day for the teaching, which delivered in the form of occasional sermons by a priest, a deacon, or a layman, would be of a profane, dissuasive, and immoral character. The House was particularly anxious to the details of every thought it would be found that anyone likely to be delivered under the Bill be previously examined and found to bring out more distinctly the concord underlying all the differences. And so very likely it may be said, if it means that the House might produce, if it does not do a better than this, and help the clergy of England to understand and to feel that there is a unity of the sorts of weekly service in need of, and that which would be of them most in relation to their religious life—if it is to be the work of the Church into something a truer reality than is attained for that reality of sympathy with religious and religious life in the Catholic Church gains for it through the experience of the

and which many of the Dissenters vainly claim, though they actually dependance of the universality of his people, which draws them completely into the interior of the life and wants, the Church of England entirely loses sight of that world—except, perhaps, in the metropolis, where the preacher catches at a real knowledge, derived from society, the first step in the moral and intellectual discipline—a day—to hear a clergyman deal with the moral temptations of men, much more feasible, in his own times, of moral meaning for his audience. One out of every ten, preaching in this institution, and prayer is the ordinary service. I have heard, as we have large experience of, its own doubt that, while prayer-church retains on the whole, a strong power, the prayer in the cities, preaching among the Dissenters, or more living power than preaching of England: And if this is so, be no doubt of the cause of it—the Church of England, more from the laity (experiencing, as it does, the disadvantages, as well as the advantages, a later chiefly negative, arising from the

the Disententers are from the Disent-  
tall, which there is nothing like  
atholic confessional to bridge. Mr.  
ope thought he was defending the  
m, when he argued that the effect  
laymen—especially in case they  
bers of the Church of England—  
moral and spiritual duties to  
ould be that the audience could  
with that quiet spirit of devotion

line worship," which, being trans-  
posed vernacular, means that they  
draw lively attention, and not compose

to the condition of mind com-  
mon to Northern Farmers," with a vast  
other church-going people who  
knew what it meant; but Thowt a  
ment to say,  
said what a owt to 'a said, and I  
say."

would pass, what one might hope,  
that the clergy would begin to  
think of what is really their re-  
sponsibility; that it might now and then,  
some great orator, into the pulpit  
of life of a layman; and know  
the joy of society—and so raise the  
standard of preaching among the  
clergy themselves.

It is to get rid of it that steady.  
series of preaching which, begin-  
ning with text from St Paul  
who run in race running  
only one obtains the prize;  
sketching the races; in  
games, and nothing, the  
pastoral and historical, con-  
tact once into the abstract sphere  
of moral effort, applied to nothing  
and ends with a world-beleaguer  
the incorruptible crown and the  
Baptismal font, that assure  
of sermons, and the sort of gen-  
erality with which he hears the clergy-  
on the fatal line of inevitable  
of facts confident, beyond even the  
line of practical duty, that assure  
at St. Paul did, when he used  
that must attract the attention of  
us, to whom he was writing, the  
we're his own eyes give us  
home-told taken from English  
he will be to enlarge with the  
curity upon the visionary "incor-  
ruptible crown," without making the metaphor  
into a sermon which

entire dependency is precisely  
what Mr. Beresford Hope means  
spirit" in which he likes to see  
absent to. We should have  
been vividness of word and more  
in such quietness. And, as to  
duties, so it is with the theo-  
logy of the Church of  
less notion of the sort of  
nature their people have  
these doubts, than the House  
of the pinch of poverty, and its  
temptations to which it leads.

Main that if we were to  
as his Bill, it may do great

his speech gave any idea of it will fail to justify his hope. It is due to something to widen the sphere a new cognitive sympathy between the National her denominations. There is no search why Dr. Norman Macleod, or Mr. Dalo or Mr. Allen, or Mr. Brown, or Mr. Carter, or believe the wisdom of the Church teaching on subjects on which no doctrinal difference between the Church. There is no admitting the profound unanimity feeling; and if there is no reason is, of course, the strongest for it will not make doctrinal important, though it will greatly asperity, that these points of held be strongly brought out be- comes. And this is the aspect of a which Mr. Cooper's language is not in- it seems to us far more im- a all Churches—the Dissecting all as the Established—this grow- between the clergy and the laity the clergy learn something of moral and spiritual questions not accustomed to run in groves. of England set the example in this, the Dissecting Churches, and perhaps eagerly follow: might be that we should follow the most fatal of the causes of the presence of the population of the people beginning

Stebone urges the great need of to put this to rest the office of the Church of England were subject to the laws or discipline or in necessary conformity with As far as that goes, the pre- certainly national and the present of the Bishop, on the pro- nouncement, for a licence to any Mr. Cooper-Temple observed, longer at all that the incontinent in this matter; you think it for fear is lest they should be o timid and nervous for any ing out of the intention of the

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surprising that among the first notice has been given after Parliament should be an inquiry into the conduct of the Government in suspending the telegrams, for, though the telegrams, for, though the telegrams practically disposed of, it or to leave to be passed with- In the early part of Decem- were organized among the tele- important station in the North, was made to extend the com-







## Extracts.

**SKIN GRATING.**  
The last number of the *Indian Medical Gazette* contains an account of three successful cases of skin-grating. The operation is as follows: A patient is anointed with a large lard. The worst is, however, over, and the ulcer is healing. But nature works too slowly for modern surgery, so a piece of skin is cut from some other part of the body and placed in the sore. At first it seems to have failed, for the graft disappears, evidently absorbed into the wound, but in a few days a spout of healthy skin appears at the centre of the raw surface. The transplanted piece has, in fact, taken root. The spout now rapidly spreads, other grafts are made to take root, becoming each of them centres of a new growth, which as they expand, join each other, and in a very short time cover the site of the ulcer with a smooth and healthy skin. Not long ago an experiment was tried in a London hospital of grafting a negro's skin on an ulcer of a white child, to see if the pigment cells would be reproduced. It failed, as the bit of skin died. The authors of the case quoted in the *Indian Medical Gazette* do not say whether the skin reproduced after grafting was the same color as that of the rest of the body, or the pink color so often seen in the scars on natives' legs. This is a point which might advantageously be cleared up.

## How we gained a footing in India.

(From "Empire in Asia," by W. M. Torrens, M.P.)  
Ungratified with the stability of mind and administrative talents of his predecessor, Suraj's reign had not been one to please his people. Deceitful, crafty, and without a word of honesty, he was surrounded by false friends and dissembling favorites. Like James II., his chief officers and nearest kindred were ready to abandon him. Nor were there wanting features of resemblance in the means employed and methods used to compass revolution. Until assured of foreign aid, none were inclined to stir, but a comparatively small force would be joined by half the army, and the contemplated change might be effected without any real struggle. Many persons of distinction were engaged in the combination, at the head of which was the most influential member of the reigning family. Here it was the nephew who was to be set up—there the uncle. Mir Jaffar Ali Khan had married the sister of the late Suraj, and he was the commander of the forces, and to him it was proposed that he should take the place of Nawab-Nazim of Bengal. When all was ripe for action, it was arranged that Mir Jaffar should draw off a large number of the Nawab's troops. Meanwhile, it was necessary to lull the suspicions of him who was to be deposed; and Mir Jaffar's letters written during the plot gave evidence of the nature that was to be followed, as well as of the diplomatic dexterity of the writer. In one epistle he talks of "the perfect harmony and friendship which subsisted" between them; and on the very eve of the crisis, let the Souabdar's fears should be incoherently excited, he mentions that he wrote him a letter "what would calm his resentment? Resentment—what? Were there, then, wrongs to be redressed? The Council became uneasy at the correspondence, and on one occasion wrote to Mir Jaffar, beseeching him to employ confidential agents, and to commit nothing to paper; but he was not to be scared by the peril of exposure, and laughing at the fears of the "rotten at heart," he went his damnable way. At length, on the 13th June, all the preparations were ready, the march on Moorshedabad was commenced, and Suraj, who was too late from his dream of doubt and indecision, advanced to meet his enemies. It had been arranged that Mir Jaffar should join the forces under his command with those of the Company at Cuttack, but on arriving at the rendezvous, Mir Jaffar was perplexed to find only a letter from his confederate, promising to join him on the field of battle. The treacherous nephew, then, fearing the oil of war decided on retreating, fearing that his small force might be surrounded and entirely cut off; but Mir Jaffar, though he at first wavered in his resolution, took counsel with himself, resolved to trust his ally, and to stake all on the chances of a battle. Pushing forward with his little army of 1,000 Europeans and 2,000 Sepoys, he reached the village of Plessey a little before midnight, where he found the Nawab's army numbered 50,000 foot, 18,000 horse, and 50 guns securely posted behind intrenchments. The battle was begun soon after dawn of the 23rd June, by an attack on the part of the Nawab's troops, who thus left the shelter of their intrenchments; and it had not lasted long before Mir Jaffar was observed moving off with a large body of horse. The critical moment had arrived, and Mir Jaffar, with an advance of his small but resolute corps. The ill-trained numbers of the Souabdar, disheartened by the defection of their intrenchments, scattered in confusion, and he himself fled the field with 2,000 men. At Moorshedabad his fallen fortunes left him but few friends, and quitting the palace in the disguise of a fakir, accompanied by two servants, he endeavored to reach the French, who were advancing to his aid. He was discovered at Rajahmundry, taken back to the capital, and there put to death. The prey had fallen; it remained to divide the skin. Mir Jaffar, at the head of a select body-guard, entered Moorshedabad on the 25th June, and on the 26th Mir Jaffar Ali Khan was duly installed as Nawab-Nazim of Bengal, Behar, and Orissa. The hill of costs presented by Mir Jaffar to the Council for his assistance in his elevation was a heavy one, 1,250,000 rupees was demanded and actually paid to the members of Council for their personal share, of which Mr. Drake and Colonel Clive received 230,000 rupees each, and Watts, Beecher, and Kilpatrick 240,000 rupees each. Clive also took an additional present of 160,000 rupees from the new Souabdar. Within a few days a committee of the House of Commons touching this princely donation, he recalled the gem-crowned pelt of gold which he had seen in the treasury of Moorshedabad, and swore he was astonished at his own moderation; and his biographer accepts this as a satisfactory proof that Clive was not influenced by sordid or mercenary motives. The settlement of so nice a question may be left to the metaphysicians, a sensible intellect would deduce from the story that civil war must have been a speculation pursued when it yielded sums so handsome for promotion-money. Besides the twelve lakhs of private spoil, the Company were to be paid 10,000,000 rupees; the European inhabitants of Calcutta, for damage sustained in the late occupation, 5,000,000 rupees; the Armenian merchants, 2,000,000 rupees; and a further sum of 5,000,000 rupees was to be divided amongst the army and navy. The total amounted to £2,697,750 sterling; but the exchequer of Moorshedabad was wholly unequal to such demands, and after much wrangling, the amount of the compensations was subsequently reduced to one half, which was paid, all but five lakhs, in specie and jewels. The lifting clashing of the drama remained associated with Mir Jaffar in the revolution won by Omichund and Jugget Seet, two of the risk bankers who enjoyed so much favour and influence with the Governments of the East. The notoriety of their opulence, the habitual security in which they lived, and their great political power, is in itself a comprehensive refutation of the ignorant pretence that less Governments were the more transient and less permanent in the East. Credit is brittle where at best, and needs all the care and shelter of what is

esteemed the subtlest system of civilization to preserve it unharmed; and banking is precisely that part of the credit system most susceptible of injury from the breath of violence, and most sure to perish at the very approach of a crisis. The credit of India could no more have accumulated their vast wealth and maintained their importance in the State, had they not been exempt from the fear of outrage, than the exotics we have borrowed from their land, whose luxuriance we protect in houses of glass, could gain or preserve that luxuriance if exposed to the rude caprices of our hostile weather. The universal safety of Oriental bankers is still more instructive when we learn that their riches generally lay in securities of various kinds, which they held of men of every class, from the trader to the prince. Without their aid no Government ventured to undertake permanent or expensive schemes. Their friendship was courted by the minister, and purchased by favour from the throne. They lent better money to the king than any other men; they were the best of political agents, and the least easily deceived. Hence, the wish of all the coteries against Suraj Dowry to engage Jugget Seet, who carried on business at Moorshedabad, and Omichund, whose house was at Calcutta, as participants in their design. The avowed Omichund was keenly excited. He entered readily into the whole intrigue, and soon gained knowledge which rendered him indispensable. He had the ear of the Souabdar at all times, and felt that, having both sides in his power, he could exact from each his own terms. Under the threat of betrayal, he claimed an immense sum as his share of the spoil, and preposterously demanded that a clause guaranteeing him should be inserted in the treaty between Mir Jaffar and the British Government. Omichund was master of the situation, and the Council felt there was no alternative but compliance. Clive, fertile in expedients, came to the rescue. Two treaties were drawn up—one on white paper, the other on red. One contained the grant to Omichund, in the other it was omitted. Both parties were signed by all the parties excepting Mir Jaffar, who declined putting his signature to the charters. This omission would have raised suspicion, and Clive made all safe by forging Watson's name. The unsuspecting Hindoo was satisfied; but when the time came for settling accounts among the conspirators, Clive had an interpreter inform the old man of the trick of which he had been the dupe—that the treaty containing his name was a sham, and that having signed the other, he was bound to comply with it at this run of his golden dreams. Omichund fell to the ground insensible. He slowly recovered, but remained for the rest of his days an idiot. When the news of the retaking of Calcutta, and the conclusion of peace reached England, public satisfaction was naturally great. But when the Court Directors and the Ministry announced the subsequent conduct of the British Government, no bounds to the English public were kept long in ignorance of the truth; they were dazzled by the glittering trophies of acquisition. It was well for their own maturity, and for the character of the nation thus deceived, if the Court of George III. or the East India Company could have pretended that they were equally unimpaired.

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